What’s NEW in Children’s Literature and Strategies for Using It in Your Program (Grades K-6) – 2017 –

Presented by JUDY FREEMAN
Nationally Recognized Children’s Book Expert, Librarian and Author

Totally NEW Seminar
All NEW Titles for the Year 2017

- The best, new children’s books published in the last year matched with a wealth of ready-to-use ideas and engaging activities for ALL areas of your program
- A stimulating, high-powered presentation to make you excited about this year’s new books and eager to try them out with your own students
- Sample copies of the best, new books will be on display for you to preview
- Instantly usable activities, demonstrations, bibliographies, booktalks, and an ALL NEW resource handbook that you’ll use year after year

With her latest irresistible mix of wonderful, new children’s books — picture books, fiction, poetry, folklore, biography, and nonfiction — Judy will demonstrate down-to-earth, easy-to-use ways of making books come alive for children.

2016 SCHEDULE

Illinois
Champaign – December 1
Chicago North – November 30
(Elk Grove Village)
Chicago South (Alsip) – December 2
Rockford – November 29
5 IL PD Clock Hours Available

Maine
Portland – November 16
5 Contact Hours Available with Prior Approval from your Local Certification Support System

Massachusetts
Boston (Woburn) – November 17
Contact Hours Verification Available
CT Five (5) Contact Hours Available with Prior District Approval
RI Five (5) Contact Hours Available for MA, Contact Hours Verification Available

New Hampshire
Manchester (Bedford) – November 15
NH Clock Hours Verification Available
For MA, Contact Hours Verification Available

Rhode Island
Providence (Seekonk, MA) – November 18
RI Five (5) Contact Hours Available
CT Five (5) Contact Hours Available with Prior District Approval
For MA, Contact Hours Verification Available

Vermont
Burlington (Colchester) – November 14
VT Inservice Credit Available with Prior District Approval

Wisconsin
Milwaukee (Brown Deer) – November 28
WI Verification of Attendance Available
Ten Key Benefits of Attending

1. **Preview the Best, New Children’s Books**
   See the BEST of the most recently published children’s books – picture books, novels, informational nonfiction, poetry, folklore … Many of the books will be available for your personal review.

2. **The Best, New Fiction Books**
   Get acquainted with realistic and fantasy fiction … Memorable titles you’ll be inspired to read aloud and use for booktalks, read-alouds, guided reading, literature circles, and book clubs.

3. **New Nonfiction Books You and Your Students will Treasure**
   A rich, under-tapped resource of meaningful books for fact-loving learners … Explore specific techniques for presenting all types of riveting informational books to dovetail with your state standards.

4. **The Best, New Picture Books**
   Discover some of the most arresting and inspiring picture books published in the last year and learn how to use them creatively throughout the curriculum with students of all ages.

5. **Strengthening Read-Aloud Skills**
   Tips and techniques for getting your kids to hang on every word you read – and to become fluent readers themselves … All modeled by one of the country’s read-aloud experts.

6. **Honing Your Book Selection Skills**
   As a reading role model for your students, you’ll find Judy’s many valuable book evaluation strategies essential for selecting new books you and your students will love to read.

7. **Developing Reading and Writing Skills**
   Loads of innovative ideas for developing challenging reading and writing projects along with samples of children’s work inspired by this year’s most unforgettable children’s books.

8. **Tying New Books into the Classroom and Library Curriculum**
   Connect the best books of the year to your whole curriculum to enhance language arts, science, social studies, math, the arts, and more … Involve and excite your children with language through creative drama, Readers’ Theater, booktalks, storytelling, poetry, word play, and songs.

9. **Catch Up on Current Book Trends**
   Hear the latest news from the children’s book publishing world … Connect with top-notch online resources, including websites, blogs and listservs.

10. **Developing Lifelong Readers**
    Instantly effective book-sharing techniques to get even the most reluctant readers fired up with irresistible books for read-alouds, read-alones and book discussion groups.
Outstanding Strategies You Can Use Immediately

- On-target, honest reviews and lively booktalks of scores of new and exemplary children’s books
- Discover a core collection of new, hand-selected, child-tested, memorable kids’ books that will engage children with a wide range of interests and abilities
- How to select and use the “best-of-the-best” new read-aloud children’s books to ignite the love of literature in your students
- How to promote curiosity, knowledge and lifelong learning skills with the best of recently published nonfiction children’s books
- New titles perfect for shared reading, guided reading, literature circles, and book clubs
- Use current children’s titles to strengthen reading, writing, speaking, listening, and language skills as set out in your state standards
- How to rejuvenate, expand and make new connections with your existing repertoire of great books, both literary and informational
- How to use music, creative drama, Readers’ Theater, storytelling, reading aloud, booktalking, creative writing, poetry, and many other literature extension activities to make reading come alive for your students
- Innovative reading, writing and illustrating prompts that extend children’s response to literature and analytical skills
- How to find a book’s voice as you polish your read-aloud techniques and reinforce your students’ listening skills
- Practical, motivating ways to enhance students’ presentation skills and get them reading aloud and alone with comprehension, expression, fluency, and joy
- How to keep your kids humming and playing with language using book-related stories, songs, poems, and word play
- Exemplary websites, blogs, listservs, and other online resources for getting to know children’s book authors, illustrators and great books
- Easy-to-use strategies for fostering creativity, building vocabulary, improving reading comprehension, and strengthening higher-level thinking skills
- Practical, doable ideas to motivate and excite even your most reluctant readers and writers
- Ways to incorporate extraordinary, new picture books for all ages across the curriculum
- Unlimited reasons to fall in love with children’s literature all over again

“Such enthusiasm and excitement! So invigorating and contagious! Judy has tons of great ideas – I want to use them all!”

– PEGGY BURTON, LIBRARIAN
Dear Colleague:

“Have you read every book in the library?” students ask incredulously.

“You READ these books?” a new student asks, amazed that a grown-up would admit to loving books meant for children.

We teachers and librarians are the gods and goddesses of great books. Our children look upon our wisdom and depth of book knowledge with awe. Our job to turn them into readers is never done.

Why does Finland always rank at the top in children’s literacy worldwide? They READ to their children. They TELL THEM STORIES. And LIBRARIES are a very important part of their lives. You want your children to test better? Read to them. Tell them stories. Take them to the library. They’ll read better. And test better. And live better.

I read thousands of new children’s books each year. I’m always on the prowl for books that inspire, amaze, entertain, enlighten, and stimulate. Each year, I field-test my latest favorites at local schools with teachers, librarians and their enthusiastic students. My goal? To find out which books work best with their intended audience — actual children, grades K-6.

My philosophy of teaching and life is this: Give children, teachers, librarians, and parents more than they ask for, more than they think they need, more than they ever knew existed. This is also what I aimed for in putting together this year’s ALL NEW BER seminar. For each book I select to share with you, I look for the Book Hook — that mysterious, magical lure that will pull you in and get your own creative juices flowing.

We’ll examine and evaluate the latest, best books to see what makes them so great. We’ll get excited about connecting new books, old favorites and share ways to use them to get our children reading, writing, illustrating, learning, and responding to literature across the curriculum in our classrooms and libraries. I’ll bring lots of amazing new examples of children’s projects, writings and other creative responses to the books we’ve explored.

We’ll get practical: How can we help our kids read with expression, comprehension, fluency, and joy? What books will fire up children and get them to want to read more? During our book-packed “wow” of a day, we’ll interact through hands-on writing activities, discussions, booktalking, reading aloud, storytelling, songs, and drama. We’ll even put on a play! With my latest irresistible mix of wonderful, new children’s books — picture books, fiction, poetry, folklore, biography, and nonfiction — I’ll demonstrate lots of down-to-earth, easy-to-use ways to make books come alive for children.

I can’t wait to meet you and share my favorite passion: children’s books and the many creative ways to get kids reading and loving them.

Sincerely,

Judy Freeman

P.S. Wear comfortable clothes, don’t forget your sweater in case it gets chilly, and maybe a bit of chocolate for inspiration and energy. Bring a smile, a sense of humor and a yen for adventure. Let’s get together and have a terrific time learning about the best, new books of the year!
What Your Colleagues Say About Judy Freeman

“Always a fun seminar! Judy has so many terrific ideas for using books – I love the pairings she makes. The resource handbook is the best tool for a school librarian!”
– Nancy Farwell, Librarian

“One of the best seminars on children’s literature I’ve ever attended! I am leaving with many new tools for my librarian’s toolkit and a long list of books to share with my students.”
– Katrina Hill, Librarian

“Excellent seminar! Judy has a knack for finding true gems in children’s literature. She does it year-after-year, and as a librarian, I rely on and trust her to recommend the best, new books for our school.”
– Rene Steven, Elementary Librarian

“This is an awesome seminar! Thank you for increasing my love and knowledge for children’s literature. So many new books to read – I can’t wait!”
– Dana Towberman, Elementary Librarian

“Very engaging and high quality! Judy is such a valuable resource!”
– Lauren Weir, Librarian

“Judy is as entertaining as she is informative. She gave great ideas and ways to use the books.”
– Lisa Rourke, Reading Specialist

“A wonderful day, as always! Judy is such an inspiration! Her ideas and book selections keep me going throughout the school year. Thank you!”
– Anne Paulson, District Librarian

“Judy Freeman is an artist, musician, writer, and an amazing resource! She is entertaining and enthusiastic – all for the love of books!”
– Lisa DeWitt, Title I Reading Coordinator

“Every teacher should attend! Teachers never have time to look at all the children’s books available. I now have my read-aloud list for next year because Judy gave us the best in one day!”
– Cindy Baker, Classroom Teacher

“So inspiring! Judy is very passionate about books and reading!”
– Emilie Green, 5th Grade Teacher

“Great seminar! I love Judy’s energy and excitement for literature. I’m rejuvenated and ready to use these books with my students.”
– Shannon Ressler, Media Specialist

Internationally Recognized Instructor

Judy Freeman (www.JudyReadsBooks.com) is well known for her invigorating presentations and writings on children’s literature. She is a highly experienced teacher, library media specialist and one of North America’s foremost experts on strengthening reading and library programs. Look for her newest books, The Handbook for Storytellers and The Handbook for Storytime Programs (ALA Editions, 2015) and The 2016 Winners! Handbook: A Closer Look at Judy Freeman’s Top-Rated Children’s Books of 2015 (available exclusively from Bound to Stay Bound Books; www.btsb.com). Judy has written hundreds of children’s book reviews and columns for many print and online resources including her “Desperate Librarians” column for NoveList and “Spellbound: Captivating Read-Alouds” for the School Library Journal online newsletter, Curriculum Connections. She also helped develop author James Patterson’s website, www.ReadKiddoRead.com, winner of the first annual Innovations in Reading Prize from the National Book Foundation in 2009. An adjunct professor at Pratt Institute in New York City, Judy is also a frequent presenter at workshops, schools and conferences worldwide. She served as a member of the 2000 Newbery Committee, the 2008 Sibert Informational Book Award Committee and the 2014 Caldecott Committee.
Special Benefits of Attending

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Other Professional Development Options:

• Related Staff Development Audio Training

This seminar is available on CDs with a comprehensive resource handbook at a cost of $125.00 plus $9.00 shipping and handling. To order, call toll-free 1-800-735-3503 (Stock #A-BJ7-0808) or use the order form on the back page.


Electronic versions of both Judy’s seminar and handbook are available in MP3 and PDF format for immediate download on our website at the cost of $99.00.


Please visit www.berproducts.org/new.html for more information.

Extensive Resource Handbook

You will receive Judy Freeman’s exciting, new resource handbook specifically designed for this seminar. It includes:

• **100+ Best Children’s Books**: An extensive, annotated booklist of Judy’s favorite children’s books of the past year, with each entry incorporating a descriptive annotation, follow-up ideas, activities, and ways to use the book with children; a list of related titles; and a list of related subjects

• **Author, title and subject indexes** for easy access to the booklists

• **Practical suggestions, lesson plans, booklists, articles**, and original teachers’ guides to enhance your literature-based program

• **Judy’s latest Readers’ Theater scripts**, stories and songs to use with your children

• **Surfing the Net**: Judy’s extensive, annotated Internet resource list of hundreds of the best, literature-based websites and blogs for children and educators to investigate children’s books, authors, and illustrators

Consultation Available

Judy Freeman will be available at the seminar for consultation regarding the unique needs of your own program.

New Books and Hands-On Materials

Many newly published titles, children’s follow-up projects, puppets, props, education related articles, and other relevant materials will be on display for participants to examine.

Semester Credit Option

Graduate level professional development credit is available with an additional fee and completion of a follow-up practicum project. Details for direct enrollment with Brandman University, part of the Chapman University system, will be available at the seminar.

Meet Inservice Requirements

At the end of the program, each attendee will receive a certificate of participation that may be used to verify hours of participation in meeting continuing education requirements.

Online Learning

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On-Site Training

Most BER seminars can be brought to your school or district. See the options at www.ber.org/onsite or call 877-857-8964 to speak to one of our On-Site Training Consultants.
Who Should Attend
Grades K-6 Classroom and Special Area Teachers, Media Specialists, Librarians, Children's Librarians in Public Libraries, Library Aides and Clerks, Reading Specialists, Resource Teachers, Special Education Staff, Title I Staff, and Administrators.

Program Hours
All seminars are scheduled 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Check-in 8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Fee
The registration fee is $249 per person, $229 per person for groups of five or more registering at the same time. Call us at 1-800-735-3503 for groups of ten or more. Payment is due prior to the program. No cash please. Fee includes seminar registration, morning coffee and tea, a personalized certificate of participation, and an extensive resource handbook.

Cancellations/Substitutions
100% of your paid registration fee will be refunded if you can't attend and notify us at least 10 days before the seminar. Late cancellations can exchange for a certificate to attend another seminar or will be refunded less a $15 service fee. Substitutions may be made anytime without charge.

Further Questions
Call the Bureau of Education & Research (800) 735-3503 or visit us online at www.ber.org

Meeting Sites and Hotel Accommodations
Seminars will be held at the following sites:
- Boston: Hilton – Woburn, (781) 932-0999
- Burlington: Hampton Inn – Colchester, (802) 655-6177
- Champaign: Hilton Garden Inn, (217) 352-9970
- Chicago North: Holiday Inn – Elk Grove Village, (847) 437-6010
- Chicago South: DoubleTree – Alsip, (708) 371-7300
- Manchester: SERESC Conference Center – Bedford, (603) 206-6800; hotel accommodations available at Hampton Inn – Bedford, (603) 623-2040
- Milwaukee: Four Points by Sheraton – Brown Deer, (414) 355-8585
- Portland: Holiday Inn By The Bay, (207) 775-2311
- Providence: Ramada – Seekonk, MA, (508) 336-8700
- Rockford: Hilton Garden Inn, (815) 229-3322
If needed, please make your own hotel reservations by calling the appropriate hotel listed above.

Possible Funding Sources:
Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds, including Title I School Improvement grants; Title VI; Title VII; Restructuring grants; At-Risk grants; Bilingual/ESL and Migrant Education funds; IDEA; Demonstration School funds; Parent Teacher Organizations; and Inservice Training funds.

Program Guarantee
We stand behind the high quality of our programs by providing the following unconditional guarantee: If you are not satisfied with this program, we’ll give you a 100% refund of your registration fee.
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FIRST NAME M.I. LAST NAME

POSITION, SUBJECT TAUGHT GRADE LEVEL

SEMINAR LOCATION NUMBER:  (Please see list above)

SCHOOL NAME

SCHOOL MAILING ADDRESS

CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

SCHOOL PHONE NUMBER HOME PHONE NUMBER

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FOUR EASY WAYS TO REGISTER:

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